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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 11, 2001, the period for response having been extended three (3) months to June 11, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 remain pending in the above-identified application. A Preliminary Amendment was filed on November 15, 2001 with the other papers upon the filing of the Continued Prosecution Application.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Yabuki et al. is respectfully traversed. The Yabuki et al. reference employs thermoplastic resin (ionomer

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